

Revelation 11:15-19
The Seventh Trumpet Sounds

- 1) The seventh angel sounds his trumpet—11:15-18 (described in 15:1ff)
 - John's perspective returns to heaven
 - This is not the "last trumpet" of 1st Corinthians 15:52 (contra Mid-Tribulation rapture position)
 - There is no immediate earthly activity as this trumpet sounds
- a) Loud voices in heaven anticipate the approaching kingdom of the Father—11:15b
 - i) "*The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He (joint sovereignty) will reign for ever and ever!*"
 - ii) Cf. Daniel 2:40-45; 7:11-14, 23-27; Matthew 6:10; Acts 2:30-36; Revelation 19:6
- b) The 24 elders worship the Father—11:16-18
 - i) The Father's character—11:17a "*We give thanks [eucharisteo # 2168] to You,*"
 - (1) Related to authority—*O Lord God,*
 - (a) Cf. 1:8; 4:8; 15:3; 16:7; 18:8; 19:6; 21:22; 22:5, 6
 - (2) Related to sovereignty—*the All-Powerful, [pantokrator # 3841]*
 - (a) Cf. 1:8; 4:8; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22
 - (3) Related to time—*the One who is and who was,*
 - (a) Cf. 1:4, 8; 4:8; 16:5
 - (b) Cf. the Satanic imitation in 17:11
 - ii) The Father's work—11:17b-18 *because You ...*
 - (1) God asserts His authority—*have taken Your great power [dunamis # 1411] and begun to reign.*
 - (a) He is not elected to this position by popular vote.
 - (2) God asserts His wrath—¹⁸ *The nations were angry [orgidzo # 3710] (because He asserts authority), and Your wrath [orge # 3709] has come,*
 - (a) Cf. Psalm 2
 - (3) God asserts His schedule—*and the time/opportunity ...* (3 infinitives)
 - (a) For judgment of all dead—*for the dead to be judged,*
 - (b) For recompense of the righteous—*and to give reward to ...* (cf. motivation)
 - (i) *Your bondservants the prophets*
 - (ii) *and the saints,*
 - (iii) *and those who fear Your name, small and great,*
 - (c) For destruction of the unrighteous—*and to destroy those who are destroying the earth."*
 - (i) Probably Babylon, the beast, the false prophet, Satan—20:10
 - c) The focus of the heavenly enthusiasm is the kingdom of God.
- 2) God's heavenly inner temple is opened—11:19 (note the Jewishness)
 - a) The heavenly building opened—¹⁹ *Then the temple [naos # 3485] of God in heaven was opened,*
 - b) The contents observed—*and the ark of the covenant of the Lord was seen in His temple.* (cf. Hebrews 9:4)
 - c) The expression of God's power—*And there were lightnings, and noises, and thunders,* [some texts add "an earthquake"] *and great (quantity or size) hail (hailstorm?).* (cf. 4:5; 8:5)